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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,

Plaintiff,

V.

(Consolidated Under Civ. Act. No. 3:21-cv-00881

V.

(Consolidated with 3:21-cv-00880-X, 3:21-cv-01010-X, 3:21-cv-01378-X, 3:21-cv-01379-X)

Defendants.

APPENDIX IN SUPPORT OF JAMES DONDERO, NANCY DONDERO, HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FUND ADVISORS, L.P., HCRE PARTNERS LLC N/K/A NEXPOINT REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LLC, HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., AND NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P.'S RESPONSE TO HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANGEMENT, L.P.'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO EXCEED PAGE LIMIT

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Defendants file this Appendix in Support of their Response to Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Motion for Leave to Exceed Page Limit, and request this Court take judicial notice of the documents contained herein.

Exhibit	Document	Appendix Page(s)
A	Declaration of Michael P. Aigen in Support of Defendants' Response to Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Motion for Leave to Exceed Page Limit, dated March 2, 2023	App. 1-4
1.	Email between John A. Morris and Traci Ellison, dated February 27, 2023	App. 5-6
2.	Email between John A. Morris and Michael P. Aigen, dated August 8, 2022	App. 7-12
3.	Email between John A. Morris and Davor Rukavina, dated March 23, 2021	App. 13-15
4.	Email between Michael P. Aigen and Hayley R. Winograd, dated October 11, 2022	App. 16-17
5.	Email between John A. Morris and Michael P. Aigen, dated February 23, 2023	App. 18-20
6.	Email between Michael P. Aigen and John A. Morris, dated February 24, 2023	App. 21-23
7.	Email between John A. Morris and Michael P. Aigen, dated February 24, 2023	App. 24-27
8.	Email between John A. Morris and Deborah Deitsch-Perez, dated February 7, 2023	App. 28-30

Dated: March 3, 2023 Respectfully submitted,

### /s/Deborah Deitsch-Perez

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I certify that on March 3, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served via the Court's Electronic Case Filing system to the parties that are registered or otherwise entitled to receive electronic notices in this case.

/s/ Deborah Deitsch-Perez

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HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P., Consolidated Under Civ. Act. No. Plaintiff, 3:21-cv-00881 v. (Consolidated with 3:21-cv-00880-X, 3:21-cv-01010-X, 3:21-cv-01378-X, 3:21-cv-HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT 01379-X) § FUND ADVISORS, L.P., et. al., § § Defendants.

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL P. AIGEN IN SUPPORT OF JAMES DONDERO, NANCY DONDERO, HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FUND ADVISORS, L.P., HCRE PARTNERS LLC N/K/A NEXPOINT REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LLC, HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., AND NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P.'S RESPONSE TO HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO EXCEED PAGE LIMIT

Michael P. Aigen, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(a), under penalty of perjury, declares as

follows:

- 1. I am a member of the law firm of Stinson LLP, counsel to Defendants James Dondero and Nancy Dondero, Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P., Highland Capital Management Services, Inc. and NexPoint Real Estate partners, LLC, and I submit this Declaration in support of *James Dondero, Nancy Dondero, Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P., HCRE Partners LLC N/K/A NexPoint Real Estate Partners LLC, Highland Capital Management Services, Inc., and NexPoint Advisors, L.P.'s Response to Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Motion for Leave to Exceed Page Limit, which is being filed concurrently with this Declaration. I submit this Declaration based on my personal knowledge and the documents listed below.*
- 2. Attached as **Exhibit 1** is a true and correct copy of email correspondence from John A. Morris to Traci Ellison on February 27, 2023.
- 3. Attached as **Exhibit 2** is a true and correct copy of email correspondence from John A. Morris to me on August 8, 2022.
- 4. Attached as **Exhibit 3** is a true and correct copy of email correspondence from John A. Morris to Davor Rukavina on March 23, 2021.
- 5. Attached as **Exhibit 4** is a true and correct copy of email correspondence from Hayley R. Winograd to me on October 11, 2022.
- 6. Attached as **Exhibit 5** is a true and correct copy of email correspondence from John A. Morris to me on February 23, 2023.
- 7. Attached as **Exhibit 6** is a true and correct copy of email correspondence from me to John A. Morris on February 24, 2023.

- 8. Attached as **Exhibit 7** is a true and correct copy of email correspondence from John A. Morris to me on February 24, 2023.
- 9. Attached as Exhibit 8 is a true and correct copy of email correspondence from JohnA. Morris to Deborah Deitsch-Perez on February 7, 2023.

Dated: March 3, 2023 /s/ Michael P. Aigen
Michael P. Aigen

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/s/ Michael P. Aigen
Michael P. Aigen

From: John A. Morris <jmorris@pszjlaw.com>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:02 AM
To: traci\_ellison@txnb.uscourts.gov

**Cc:** Jeff Pomerantz; Gregory V. Demo; Hayley R. Winograd; zannable@haywardfirm.com;

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**Subject:** Highland Request to Notify the District Court that the reference can be withdrawn in the

**Notes Litigation** 

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Dear Ms. Ellison,

Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("<u>Highland</u>") recently filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (the "<u>District Court</u>") its response to HCMFA's objection (*see* 3:21-cv-00881-X, Docket Nos. 99 and 100) to the last Supplemental Report and Recommendation issued by the Bankruptcy Court in connection with the "notes litigation." *See* Adv. Pro. No. 21-03082, Docket No. 84.

Highland's filing completes all briefing in connection with the "notes litigation" that has been consolidated in the District Court. Highland therefore respectfully requests that the Bankruptcy Court notify the District Court of this development so that the District Court is aware that the Bankruptcy Court's Reports and Recommendations regarding Highland's summary judgment motions and related matters are ready for the District Court's adjudication. *See* 3:21-cv-00881-X, *Order*, Docket No. 14 (stating that the Bankruptcy Court "should notify" the District Court when the Bankruptcy Court concludes that the case is ready for the District Court).

Please let us know if the Court has any questions.

Regards,

John

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From: John A. Morris <jmorris@pszjlaw.com>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 3:33 PM

**To:** Aigen, Michael P.

**Cc:** Hayley R. Winograd; Deitsch-Perez, Deborah R.; Rukavina, Davor

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**Subject:** RE: Highland: Stipulation for Objection to R&R and Proposed Form of Judgment in

**Notes Litigation** 

Thank you Michael.

We have a different definition of "substantially less" since you're going to eliminate just 7 of 90 pages, or less than 8%.

We continue to believe that this is too long but won't spend any more time trying to convince you otherwise.

You may file a motion with the District Court asking for permission to file up to 83 pages in total, provided you include the following statement:

Defendants have consulted with Plaintiff. While Plaintiff does not believe an 83-page objection is warranted, Plaintiff will not object to any page limit the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances."

Let me know if that works.

Regards,

John

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Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 12:54 PM To: John A. Morris /pmorris@pszjlaw.com>

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John,

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After talking with everyone, it appears we can get by with 83 pages to be allocated b/t our 2 briefs. That is substantially less than the summary judgment briefing. Is that something you can agree to?

Thanks Mike

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Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 4:24 PM

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Subject: Re: Highland: Stipulation for Objection to R&R and Proposed Form of Judgment in Notes Litigation

Michael,

You asked for 65/25.

We countered with 50 total. We don't care how you and Davor allocate the pages, nor do we think it's necessary — particularly now that the other HCMFA notes litigation, based on the same defense asserted by all other makers, has been consolidated.

But if you decide to file separate briefs, we leave it to you to decide how to allocate the pages.

In the end, in our view, the objection should not be the same length as the summary judgment papers.

We'll consider a counter, but will not agree to 65/25 (let alone 50/50).

Regards,

John

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 7, 2022, at 5:14 PM, Aigen, Michael P. <michael.aigen@stinson.com> wrote:

Thanks, John. Can you clarify whether you are suggesting:

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A) all of the defendants get 50 pages in total; or

B) HCMFA can have a 50 page brief and all the other defendants combined can have one 50 page brief.

I suspect you are offering A. But I just wanted to confirm that, as that really isn't an extension for us because we can already have one 25 page for HCMFA and one 25 page brief for the other defendants.

Like we said, we are just looking for an extension so that we can file the same size briefs that we filed in the Bankruptcy Court and no more.

Thanks, Michael

Subject: Highland: Stipulation for Objection to R&R and Proposed Form of Judgment in Notes Litigation

Date: 05 August 2022 12:27

To: "Aigen, Michael P." <michael.aigen@stinson.com<mailto:michael.aigen@stinson.com>>

Cc: "Hayley R. Winograd" <hwinograd@pszjlaw.com<mailto:hwinograd@pszjlaw.com>>, "Deitsch-Perez, Deborah R."

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Michael,

Respectfully, we are not going to agree to such expansive submissions.

We'll agree to 50 pages; you can allocate it as you wish. We'll limit ourselves to 40.

Let me know if that works.

Thanks.

John

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Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 10:39 AM To: John A. Morris /morris@pszjlaw.com>

Dubois, Grant <grant.dubois@stinson.com>

Subject: RE: Highland: Stipulation for Objection to R&R and Proposed Form of Judgment in Notes Litigation

John,

We would like to see if we can agree on page limits regarding the briefing on the objections to the summary judgment R&R. Obviously, we really do not want to file separate briefs for all the separate Defendants. I believe that Davor indicated he can handle his HCMFA mutual mistake issue in 25 pages. (Davor, please correct me if I am incorrect.) And we can handle everything else in one 65-page brief, like we did at summary judgment.

So would you agree to allow us to have a 65-page limit for our omnibus brief covering all the issues other than Davor's mutual mistake briefing, which will be done separately?

Thanks, Mike

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From: John A. Morris

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Subject: Highland: Stipulation for Objection to R&R and Proposed Form of Judgment in Notes Litigation

Michael:

Attached is a revised version of the Stipulation and a black-line marked to show changes.

In addition to adding some "WHEREAS" clauses for completeness, the only substantive change is the removal of the provision concerning any reply (something we never discussed).

As you know, this is an objection governed by Fed. R. Bank. P. 9033, not a motion, and there is no provision for a reply nor will HCMLP consent to one. See Fed. R. Bank. P. 9033(b).

Please let us know if you have any remaining comments.

Regards,

John

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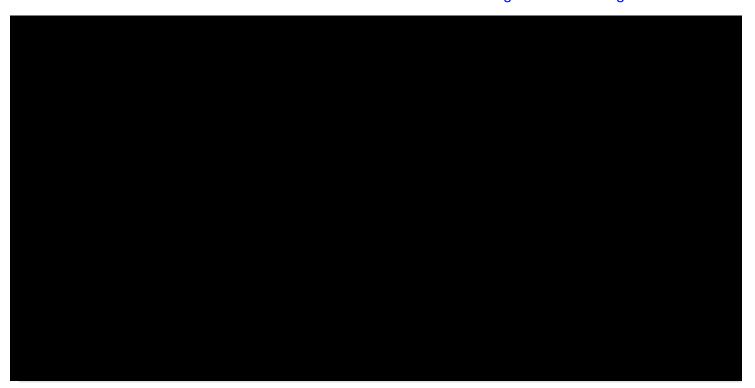
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Subject: RE: Mandatory Injunction Adversary

Davor, we cannot accommodate this request.

Regards,

John

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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:28 PM

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**To:** John A. Morris; Jeff Pomerantz **Subject:** Mandatory Injunction Adversary

I know you guys are in a hearing, but can I have through this Friday to file my answer? I have not been able to get a hold of DC for days, as he has been travelling with very limited service.

Thank you

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**To:** Aigen, Michael P.; 'Rukavina, Davor'; Deitsch-Perez, Deborah R.

**Cc:** John A. Morris; Gregory V. Demo; Jeff Pomerantz

**Subject:** Case 3:21-cv-00881-X - Demand for Withdrawal of Reply

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#### Counsel:

As you are aware, earlier today, Defendants filed their *Reply to Plaintiff's Response to Defendants' Revised Objection to the Bankruptcy Court's Report and Recommendation to the District Court Proposing that it Grant Summary Judgment in Favor of the Plaintiff* [Docket No. 70] (the "Reply"), in support of their *Revised Objection to the Bankruptcy Court's Report and Recommendation to the District Court Proposing that it Grant Summary Judgment in Favor of Plaintiff* [Docket No. 63) (the "Objection"). The filing of the Reply was improper.

Under Rule 9033(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, which governs objections to a bankruptcy court's proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, each party has fourteen days to file objections to the bankruptcy court's proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law and another fourteen days to respond to objections submitted by other parties. Under Rule 9033(c), the extension of time for filing objections may be extended for a period not to exceed 21 days from the expiration of time otherwise prescribed by the rule. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 9033(b), (c). Rule 9033(b) does not provide for the filing of reply briefs.

Here, in compliance with Rule 9033(c), the parties stipulated to a briefing schedule for, in pertinent part, (a) Defendants' Objection and (b) Highland's response thereto. *See Stipulation* [AP No. 21-03003-sgj, Docket No. 196] (the "Stipulation"). The Stipulation, in compliance with Rule 9033, also does not provide for the filing of a reply brief.

Please let us know by 11:00 am Central Time tomorrow whether Defendants will (a) withdraw the Reply, or (b) oppose a motion to strike.

If we don't hear from you by 11:00 am tomorrow, we'll mark Defendants down as presumptively opposed.

Highland reserves all rights.

Regards, Hayley

### Hayley R. Winograd

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**Subject:** Highland: Local Rule 7.1(a) Conference

Attachments: Highland - Summary Chart.pdf; Highland - Vexatious Litigant Motion.pdf; Highland -

Vexatious Litigant Memo of Law.pdf

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Case 3:21-cv-00881-X Document 105 Filed 03/03/23 Page 24 of 34 PageID 8358 Regards,

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Mike,

Highland's brief analyzes aspects of more than two years of mind-numbing litigation and is only ten pages over the limit. We don't see a reasonable basis to oppose the motion and are surprised you need five days to decide that issue.

Nevertheless, after considering your request and solely as a professional courtesy, Highland will agree to the extend (a) until Monday, February 27, at 5:00 pm Central Time, the time to respond to the first issue concerning the Motion for Leave, and (b) as requested, until Tuesday, February 28, at 5:00 pm Central Time, to respond to the second issue concerning the Vexatious Litigant Motion, provided that all Dondero Entities (as defined in footnote 2), and anyone acting in concert with all or any of them, agree that they will not file any pleading or motion in any court addressing the matters raised in the Vexatious Litigant Motion or that otherwise enjoins, impedes, interferes with, prejudices, delays, or pre-empts the filing of the Motion for Leave.

For the avoidance of doubt Highland will file the Motion for Leave at 5:15 pm on Monday.

Please let us know if these terms are acceptable to all of the Dondero Entities (as defined in footnote 2), and anyone acting in concert with all or any of them.

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#### Deborah:

The Movants' papers differ considerably from the Valuation Motion. Highland is considering its options and requests a two-week extension of time, through March 13, to respond to the Motion. Please let us know if Movants consent. I will contact you in the interim if Highland is interested in pursuing a stipulation concerning the Motion.

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Hi John, We ended up filing the valuation adversary and I did note your conversation with Louis. The relief sought is somewhat different, so I did not want to presume. After you review can we talk and see if we can agree that the gatekeeper motion is not needed and make a schedule for the adversary. Thanks, Deborah

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